Amendments to the Claims

Please amend Claim 7. The Claim Listing below will replace all prior versions of the claims in the application:

Claim Listing

1. (Original) A device to register a biometric object for viewing, the device comprising:

a guide for aligning the biometric object to view multiple surface regions of the object in a substantially non-distorted state, the guide including multiple rails in which at least a portion of the object is aligned when resting therein, each rail of the guide including a window for viewing a corresponding surface region of the object; and

a base to which each of the multiple rails is movably attached, the base including at least one window for viewing a surface pattern on the object.

- 2. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the guide is capable of aligning different-sized but similarly-shaped objects.
- 3. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the guide for aligning the object is disposed between the object and a scanning device that generates images of the multiple surface regions of the object through the windows.
- 4. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the object loosely registered in the guide is identified based on at least one unique pattern as viewed through an opening of the guide.
- 5. (Original) A device as in claim 4, wherein a unique object is identified based on a biometric pattern of exposed flesh through a window of the guide.

- 6. (Original) A device as in claim 4, wherein the object is a hand in which patterns on fingers are viewed through windows of the rails and patterns on a palm are viewed through a window in the base.
- 7. (Currently Amended) A device as in claim 1 further comprising:

 a scanner that produces an image of the object <u>comprising</u> of patterns viewed through the windows of the guide to identify the object.
- 8. (Original) A device as in claim 7, wherein the images of the object as viewed through the windows are compared to images stored in a database.
- 9. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the object is a human hand and the guide can be adjusted based on a length of each finger.
- 10. (Original) A device as in claim 9, wherein a person associated with the hand can be identified based upon a biometric pattern viewed through at least one window.
- 11. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein undistorted surface patterns of biometric matter are viewed through the windows.
- 12. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein at least one window is a void in material from which the guide is formed.
- 13. (Original) A device as in claim 1, wherein the guide is made of plastic.
- 14. (Withdrawn) A method of viewing one or multiple surface patterns of an object, the method comprising:

resting at least part of the object in a registration guide for viewing multiple surface regions of the object in a substantially non-deformed state, the registration guide including rails to register at least a portion of the object; and

through each of multiple windows on the registration guide, producing an image of a corresponding surface region of the object.

- 15. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 14 further comprising:
 - comparing surface patterns of the object with patterns stored in memory to identify a type of the object.
- 16. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 14, wherein surface patterns disposed on a 3-dimensional surface structure of the object are viewed with a scanner device that creates a 2-dimensional image of at least one surface pattern.
- 17. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 14 further comprising:

marking at least a portion of the registration guide to indicate an orientation of the registration guide.

- 18. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 14 further comprising:
 - resting a hand including multiple fingers in the registration guide to view surface patterns and identify a corresponding person associated with the hand.
- 19. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 14 further comprising:

analyzing multiple surface patterns of biometric matter viewed through the windows of the registration guide.

- 20. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 14 further comprising:
 - adjusting the registration guide depending on the size of the object to be viewed through the windows.
- 21. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 14 further comprising:
 scanning the multiple surface regions to produce an image; and
 storing the image in memory.

- 22. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 21 further comprising:

 generating information associated with a scanned object; and
 storing the information in memory.
- 23. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 22, wherein the scanned object is a hand and the information is a name of a person associated with the hand.
- 24. (Withdrawn) A method as in claim 14, wherein the scanned object is biometric matter and information related to an animal associated with the biometric matter is stored in memory.
- 25. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device to view surface patterns on similarly shaped objects of varying size, the adjustable device comprising:
 - a first guide section to align an at least part of an object for viewing a first surface pattern on the object, the first guide section including a first window through which the first portion of the object can be viewed; and
 - a second guide section movably attached to the first guide section for aligning a second portion of the object, the second guide section including a second window through which the second portion of the object can be viewed.
- 26. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 25, wherein the object is a palm registered in the first guide section for viewing through the first window.
- 27. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 26, wherein a finger is registered in the second guide section for viewing through the second window.
- 28. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 27, wherein an axial length of the second guide section can be adjusted to the length of a finger.

- 29. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 25, wherein surface patterns of the object are scanned through the windows to identify the object.
- 30. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 25, wherein 3-dimensional surface patterns of the object are scanned through corresponding windows of the first and second guide sections to generate a 2-dimensional image.
- 31. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 25, wherein undistorted surface patterns of the object can be viewed through corresponding windows of the first and second guide sections.
- 32. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 25, wherein the first guide section includes multiple movably attached guide sections.
- 33. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 32, wherein the movably attached guide sections can be adjusted to account for the spacing between fingers.
- 34. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 33, wherein the movably attached guide sections can be adjusted depending on the length of a corresponding finger.
- 35. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 25, wherein the guide sections, to register an object, are disposed between the object and a scanning device that generates images of the multiple surface regions of the object through the windows.
- 36. (Withdrawn) An adjustable device as in claim 25, wherein a unique object is identified based on a biometric pattern viewed through a window of the guide.